

Claims

1. A hierarchical system for providing medical information comprising:
 - a control unit for setting forth navigation and for providing a plurality of medical guidance information for use by a medical professional;
 - means for assisting the medical professional in navigating and searching disease specific hierarchical information in a database;
 - means for distributing the hierarchical information to said medical practitioner; and
 - means for rating the hierarchical information.
2. A hierarchical system for providing medical information to medical practitioner comprising:
 - a control unit for setting forth system navigation and for providing a plurality of rated medical guidance information stored in a database;
 - means for assisting a medical professional in obtaining disease specific hierarchical information from the database; and
 - means for distributing hierarchical information to said medical practitioner.
3. A method for generating medical information in a global computer system comprising the following steps:
 - authoring a plurality of medical related guidance statements related to specific diseases and rating said information based upon at least one reliability criterion;

placing the plurality of statements in an accessible database as a module and linking thereto a plurality of additional information and data related to the guidance statements; and

providing end users with access to statements and modules via a user interface.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein each module corresponds to a specific disease.

5. The method of claim 3 where said additional information comprises both drug related and non-drug related information.

6. A method for generating medical information for use in a global computer system comprising the following steps:

authoring and pre-storing a plurality of medical related guidance statements related to specific diseases and providing for each a qualitative rating based upon the evidence supporting the statement;

placing the guidance statements within an accessible database as a module and linking thereto a plurality of additional information and data related to the guidance statements; and

providing end users with access to statements and modules via a user interface such that the guidance statements, additional information and data are accessible.